



PATENT APPLICATION

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/932,023

Examiner: C. Fiorilla

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Docket No.: 110400

For: METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF DIELECTRIC CERAMIC COMPOSITION AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE CONTAINING  
DIELECTRIC LAYERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the January 13, 2004 Final Rejection, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22.

As mentioned in the Office Action, Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) with Forms PTO-1449s were filed in the above-identified patent application on October 14, 2003 and November 19, 2003. Applicants received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the November 19, 2003 IDS, initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information. Although the reference applied in the present Office Action was cited in the October 14, 2003 IDS, Applicants have not yet received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information. Thus, the Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

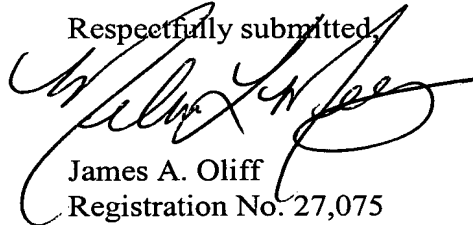
Claims 1-22 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double-patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,485,672. In response to this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,485,672 is attached. Based on the filing of this document, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-22 under the judicially created doctrine of double-patenting should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a translation of the priority document.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Form PTO-1449 filed October 14, 2003  
Terminal Disclaimer  
Certified Translation of Priority Document

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/01103

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> H01G4/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> H01G4/00-4/40, H01G13/00-13/06

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1926-1996	Jitsuyo Shinan Toroku Koho	1996-2000
Kokai Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1971-2000	Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1994-2000

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y A	US, 5835339, A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), 10 November, 1998 (10.11.98) & EP, 821377, A2 & CA, 2211259, A & JP, 11-003834, A	1 2-13
Y A	US, 5296425, A (Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.), 22 March, 1994 (22.03.94) & EP, 581251, A2, A3 & JP, 06-052718, A, B2 & JP, 06-084691, A, B2	1 2-13
A	JP, 9-315861, A (Kyocera Corporation), 09 December, 1997 (09.12.97) (Family: none)	1-13
A	JP, 10-279353, A (Kyocera Corporation), 20 October, 1998 (20.10.98) (Family: none)	1-13

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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